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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE:

To advise Penn Jones, Jr., editor, "Midlothian Mirror," Midlothian, Texas, appeared on KRLD Radio, Dallas, 8/4/66. He discussed his book, "Forgive My Grief," which was termed a critical review of the Warren Commission. Comments made by Jones were considered slanderous to the President. Attached letterhead memorandum is being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service and the Department. No further action required.

BACKGROUND:

Jones is the editor of the, "Midlothian Mirror," a weekly newspaper published in Midlothian, Texas, a community located approximately 24 miles from Dallas, Texas.

On 8/4/66, Jones appeared on Dallas Radio Station KRLD on the program entitled, "Comment," and discussed Volume I of his book, "Forgive My Grief," which was termed a critical review of the Warren Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy. A complaint was received at our Dallas Office from a listener of this program who considered remarks made by Jones as slanderous towards the President and to a Special Agent of the FBI.

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The tapes of this program were obtained. Jones said he had completed Volume I of his book and was contemplating writing additional volumes. During the program, listeners were permitted to telephonically contact the radio station and ask questions of Jones. A caller questioned Jones as to whether he had checked the allegation that President Johnson had in his pocket, immediately after the assassination, the oath of office which the President made available to U.S. District Court Judge Sarah Hughes for the purpose of her swearing him in as the President. Jones commented he would look into this particular point during his future endeavors with respect to additional volumes he planned to write. Another unidentified caller discussed controversial remarks which were attributed to

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SA James P. Hosty and Lieutenant Jack Revill of the Dallas Police Department. It concerns the alleged comment made by SA Hosty that Oswald was, "capable of committing this assassination." This was unequivocally denied by SA Hosty by affidavit and in his testimony before the President's Commission. This information appears on page 441 of the Warren Commission Report and is a matter of public record.

PENN JONES, JR.:

Our files show an investigation was conducted of Jones in 1953 based on an allegation that a representative of the Communist Party from New York City had contacted Jones during the Summer of 1945. Our inquiries determined the allegation had no basis in fact. Our files revealed on 4/30/62 an unknown individual threw an incendiary device into the offices of Jones' newspaper, however, no arrest was made although it was suspected a member of an anticommunist group may have been behind this act.

During May, 1965, Mr. John Russell Freeman, owner and editor of the, "Farmer and Miner," a weekly newspaper in Frederick, Colorado, alleged Jones had been conducting an investigation of the assassination. He had a theory Lee Harvey Oswald was paid a large sum of money by two brothers from Texas closely associated with President Johnson to assassinate President Kennedy. Freeman alleged Jones had discussed this matter with Theodore Sorenson, former Attorney General Robert Kennedy and Attorney General Katzenbach.

On May 28, 1965, Jones was thoroughly interviewed and denied he ever had such a theory and did not discuss any theory regarding the assassination with the previously-mentioned Government officials. He did visit Washington, D. C., in the Spring of 1964 and met Mr. Sorenson, Mr. Robert Kennedy and Mr. Katzenbach and had them autograph books, and at that time expressed his sorrow for the assassination. This information was disseminated to U. S. Secret Service and the Department.

Since it appears that Jones' appearance on radio station KRLD was for the purpose of publicizing his book, no further action is required.

ACTION:

The attached letterhead memorandum concerning comments made by Jones is being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service and the Department.